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SUBJECT: IRAQI-IRANIAN CONFLICT

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1. ACCORDING TO TURKISH AMBASSADOR CUHRUK, NEXT MEETING OF IRAQI AND IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVES CALLED FOR IN AUGUST 31 ISTANBUL COMMUNIQUE WILL TAKE PLACE AT UNGA, PRESUMABLY AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL.

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2. FACT THAT ACCORD RESULTED FROM ISTANBUL TALKS DESPITE

BORDER CLASHES AND PROPAGANDA WAR, IS SEEN HERE AS INDICATION OF IRAQI DETERMINATION TO SWALLOW SOME OF THEIR PRIDE TO KEEP PRESSURE ON IRAN. IRAQI STRATEGY, FOLLOWED SINCE CLASH OF LAST FEBRUARY, APPEARS TO BE TO TALK AND ACT TOUGH WITH IRAN BUT TO KEEP INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON PEACEFUL EFFORTS TO RESOLVE CONFLICT THEREBY MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR IRAN TO STRIKE AT IRAQ IN MAJOR WAY.

3. NEW FACTOR WHICH WILL CERTAINLY INFLUENCE FUTURE TALKS IS GROWING POSSIBILITY THAT IRAQI MILITARY IS HAVING SOME SUCCESS AGAINST BARZANI. CURRENT RUMORS IN BAGHDAD ARE THAT KURDISH HELD TERRITORY REDUCED TO STRIP ABOUT 20 MILES WIDE ALONG IRANIAN BORDER AND THAT BARZANI HAS MOVED HIS HDQS TO IRAN. MANY OBSERVERS ARE SKEPTICAL OF REPORTS OF MILITARY SUCCESSES AND BOTH SOVIET CHARGE POPOV AND ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME EPT 6 THAT SOME POLITICAL SUCCESSES ARE WHAT REALLY NEEDED BEFORE KIRDISH PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED. LOWRIE

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